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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 8, the phrase “the envelope includes a foldable flap ...” is confusion and indefinite because it is not clear whether the foldable flap is the same as the sealing lid?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Panveno (4,339,034) in view of Brody (2,777,574). Panveno discloses a system for transporting media comprising an inner pocket (14) having an opening for receiving a media, a foldable jacket (18) adapted to receive the inner pocket and an envelope (12) made of a cardboard material having an opening (24) into which the foldable jacket can be inserted (Figure 1). Panveno also discloses the other claimed limitations except for the foldable jacket being made of cardboard or plastic which is considered equivalent to reinforced material. Brody shows a system for transporting media comprising an inner pocket (16) having an opening for receiving a media, a foldable jacket (14) formed from a stiff cardboard sheath adapted to receive the inner pocket and an

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envelope (3) having an opening (10) into which the foldable jacket can be inserted. Brody further shows the inner pocket (16) may be made of cardboard, plastic sheet or other suitable material and is preferably smooth or polished nature so it will not damage the media. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art in view of Brody to modify the foldable jacket of Panveno so the foldable jacket is made of reinforced material such as cardboard for better protecting the media.

5. Claims 2 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Colangelo (4,473,153). Panveno further fails to show the envelope comprises a detachable sealing lid/foldable flap for sealing the foldable jacket within the envelope. Colangelo teaches a system for transporting media comprising an envelope (2) having an opening for receiving a media and a foldable flap (6) having an adhesive (40) for sealing the media. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art in view of Colangelo to modify the system of Panveno as modified so the envelope includes a foldable flap having an adhesive for sealing the foldable jacket within the envelope for further protecting the media. As to claim 9, Panveno as modified further fails to show the foldable jacket includes a non-abrasive texture. Colangelo further teaches the media is enclosed in a plastic jacket having a non-abrasive liner (column 1, lines 14-16). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art in view of Colangelo to modify the foldable jacket of Panveno as modified in claim 1 so the foldable jacket includes a non-abrasive texture to prevent the media being damaged by abrasion.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luan K. Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-4552. If in receiving this Office Action, it is apparent to Applicant that certain documents are missing from the record for example copies of references cited, form PTO-1449, form PTO-892, etc., requests for copies of such papers should be directed to TC 3700 Customer Service at (703) 306-5648.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 306-5648. Facsimile correspondence for this application should be sent to (703) 872-9306 for Formal papers and After Final communications.

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